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Re: HQ-2019-00489-F

Dear Ms. Best:

This is in response to the request for information that you sent to the Department of Energy (DOE) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552. You requested:

Copies of emails, memos, letters, reports, statistics and other records mentioning or describing the 2018-19 United States federal government shutdown (2018 December 22 - 2019 January 25) on the processing of FOIA requests or handling of FOIA-related litigation, as well as on other public transparency, disclosure or declassification programs.

Your request has been assigned to Department of Energy's Office of General Counsel (GC), Office of Environment, Health, Safety, and Security (AU), and the Office of Management (MA) to conduct a search of its files for responsive documents. Upon completion of the search and review of any records located, you will be provided a response.

In your request, you requested a waiver or reduction of fees associated with the processing of the request. For purposes of assessment of any fees, you have been categorized under the DOE regulation that implements the FOIA at Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 1004.9(b)(3), as a "news media" requestor. Requestors in this category are charged for fees for duplication only and are provided 100 pages at no cost. Duplication fees for the request are not expected to exceed \$15.00, the amount at which the DOE assesses fees. Therefore, a determination was not made about your request for a fee waiver or reduction.

You may contact DOE's FOIA Public Liaison, Alexander Morris, FOIA Officer, Office of Public Information, at 202-586-5955, or by mail at MA-46/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20585 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.



If you questions about the processing of the request or this letter, please contact Mr. Llewellyn Smith, Office of Public Information, MA-46/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585. He can also be contacted at (202) 586-6039.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you.

Sincerely,



Alexander C. Morris
FOIA Officer
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